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Food Casing Release Coating Comprising o. Examinal

Polyglyceryl Esters

Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: Hon, Sow Fun

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 13, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 16-42 are presently pending in the application. Claims 16-20 have been allowed. Claims 21-42 have been rejected. A clean copy of all pending claims are listed in Appendix A at pages 5-8 for Examiner's convenience.

RESPONSE TO REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) AND § 103(a)

The pending claims continue to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) over Teepak GB 1470726 (hereinafter "GB 1470726"), U.S. 5,370,914 by Hammer et. al. (hereinafter "Hammer") and U.S. Patent 3,966,632 by Colliopoulos et. al. (hereinafter "Colliopoulos") for reasons previously of record. In making the rejections, the Examiner states the following:

Applicant's arguments filed 12/31/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive...Howard et al. (Dictionary of Chemical Names and Synonyms) gives a synonym of glyceryl trioleate as being oleic acid triglyceride (I-302, 122-32-7) and a